

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of luster~~ Luster pigments for pigmenting macromolecular materials, based on comprising a platelet-shaped metallic substrate coated with a low refractive dielectric layer which does not absorb visible light, ~~for pigmenting macromolecular materials.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of claim 1, ~~wherefor~~ wherein said dielectric layer has a refractive index $n < 1.8$.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of claim 1, ~~or 2 wherefor~~ wherein said dielectric layer is from 100 to 800 nm in thickness.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ wherefor claim 1, wherein said dielectric layer is from 250 to 450 nm in thickness.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ wherefor claim 1, wherein said substrate is an aluminum platelet.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ wherefor claim 1, wherein said dielectric layer consists essentially of silicon dioxide and/or silicon oxide hydrate.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ wherefor claim 1, wherein said luster pigments are provided with an additional colorless

outside layer of a surface-modifying agent to enhance compatibility with said macromolecular materials to be pigmented.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The use luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ ~~wherefor~~ claim 1, wherein said macromolecular materials to be pigmented are plastics, coatings, painting and printing colors, inks, glasses or inorganic/organic composites.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Macromolecular pigmented materials ~~pigmented with~~ comprising said luster pigments of ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.